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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH, 1877.

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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
December 14, CANTON, German bark, 373,
Gantz, Haiphong 22nd Nov., Rice—
SHEMSEEN & CO.

CLEARANCES.
AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
DECEMBER 14TH.
Hibernian, British brig, for Iloilo.
Nelson, British steamer, for Amoy.
Emerald, British steamer, for Manila.

DEPARTURES.
December 14, Douglas, British str., for East
Coast.

December 14, Amoy, British steamer, for
Shanghai.

December 14, EMERALDA, British str., for
Manila.

December 14, COQUETTE, German bark, for
Salson.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Par Canton, from Haiphong—
3 Chinese.
Departed.
Par Emerald, str., for Manila—
1 European and 64 Chinese.
Par Hibernian, for Iloilo—
1 European.
Par Nelson, str., for Amoy—
10 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The German bark *Castor*, reports left Haiphong on 22nd November. The first day out a strong N.E. wind, and high sea, chance to East. On 23rd, N.W. wind, and high sea, chance to 14th. N. and long 11° 30' E., came out over the mountains in a squall from the Parrot's Shoal strong N.E. winds and heavy. Notwithstanding, from thence to port light Southwardly winds and thick foggy weather.

SINGAPORE SHIPPING.

November—ARRIVALS.
25, Bushell, British steamer, from Rangoon.
26, Ophir, Dutch steamer, from Batavia.
30, Royalist, Sarawak steamer, from Sarawak.
30, Bentan, British steamer, from Cherbon.
Despatched.
3, Icarian, British steamer, from Batavia.
3, Dragoon, Sarawak steamer, from Batavia.
3, Forster, British steamer, from Swatow.
3, Icaroaddy, French str., from Mattoles.
4, Emprise, French steamer, from Batavia.
November—DEPARTURES.
29, Ophir, Dutch steamer, for Batavia.
29, Pontianak, British steamer, for Pontianak.
29, Zambezi, British steamer, for Bombay.
29, Forster, British steamer, for Rangoon.
December—
3, Bushell, British steamer, for Calcutta.
3, Bands, Dutch steamer, for Sumatra.
5, Monarchs, British steamer, for Hongkong.
5, Invincible, British steamer, for Foochow.

VESSELS THAT HAVE ARRIVED IN EUROPE
FROM PORT IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND
MANILA.

(Per the Mail, Africa.)
Loria (s.) Manila, Oct. 19
Hermann Manila, Oct. 19
Thermopylae Shanghai, Oct. 20
Ismenia Hongkong, Oct. 21
Cedus (s.) Manila, Oct. 21
Bonita Foochow, Oct. 22
W. B. Worcester Hongkong, Oct. 24
Lord of the Isles Manila, Oct. 26
Nestor (s.) Shanghai, Oct. 27
Athal (s.) Shanghai, Nov. 1

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG.
(Corrected to Dec. 10.)

Vega Hongkong, Arr. 11
David Artisan, May 11
Charles Cardiff, May 15
Cygnes Cardiff, May 29
Henry Lippett New York, June 18
City of Halifax Cardiff, June 19
Northampton Baltimore, July 2
Niagara Curtin, July 10
T. Jackson, Chief Manager, Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road, Dec. 16

Technician Cardiff, July 30
R. G. Rickmers, Newport, July 31
Egulus Cardiff, Aug. 14
Miss Glen Penarth, Aug. 14
Patis Cardiff, Aug. 14
Aberystwyth Liverpool, Aug. 14
Jesus Zamudio Cardiff, Aug. 16
Fulham, Middlesex London, Aug. 19
The Prince, Liverpool, Aug. 22
Castleton Cardiff, Aug. 23
Hector Cardiff, Aug. 25
Lionel Liverpool, Aug. 27
Hamburg Hamburg, Aug. 28
Globe Hamburg, Aug. 29
Andreae Hamburg, Sept. 3
Casinoe Hamburg, Sept. 4
Pats Hamburg, Sept. 5
H. G. Parker Hamburg, Sept. 6
Gatherer Hamburg, Sept. 8
Falcon London, Sept. 11
Nestor Star Cardiff, Sept. 11
E. P. Bovierie Cardiff, Sept. 11
Passe (s.) London, Sept. 12
G. J. Minto New York, Sept. 15
Witwood Liverpool, Sept. 15
P. J. Castleton Liverpool, Sept. 15
Hector Hamburg, Sept. 15
Maria Ravano Penarth, Sept. 25
Peter Cardiff, Sept. 30
Galatea (s.) London, Sept. 21
River Lagan Cardiff, Sept. 23
Patriotus (s.) London, Sept. 23
Berlin Boile London, Oct. 2
Moorine New York, Oct. 3
Eldam Cardiff, Oct. 5
Kaiser Cardiff, Oct. 5
Wega Cardiff, Oct. 5
Oster Hamburg, Oct. 19
Johann Smith Curtin, Oct. 23
Anna Barth Hamburg, Oct. 23
Mina London, Oct. 31
Lobor London, Nov. 1

AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

None.

THE Undersigned has been appointed
THE AGENT for the above
THE GOVERNMENT INSURANCE
ASSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED);
W. H. NOBLEY,
Hongkong, 6th June, 1877. [1684]

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NOTICE.

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY
For 1878.
(With which has been incorporated "THE CHINA DIRECTORY".)

The PUBLISHER requests that those Firms who have not yet returned the Printed Forms which have been sent to them to fill up, will be kind enough to do so WITHOUT DELAY. Any Persons who have recently arrived, to whom Printed Forms have not been forwarded, are desired to send their Names and Addresses as early as possible for insertion.

Daily Press Office, November 12th, 1877.

NOTICE.

I hereby notified that I have placed Mr. R. CHATTERTON WILCOX, in CHARGE of the PRINTING and PUBLISHING BUSINESS carried on at the Daily Press Office from this date, and it is further notified that Mr. Wilcox has an Associate, Mr. Adolphus with me as a Member of the BUSINESS, to commence on the 1st January, 1878.

YORK JONES MURROW,
by his Attorneys
Wm. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, 7th November, 1877.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.,
FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS.
By Appointment to His Excellency the
GOVERNOR and His Royal Highness the
DUKE OF EDINBURGH,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS
PERFUMERS,
PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLYMEN,
And
AERATED WATER MAKERS.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of Orders it is particularly requested that all business communications be addressed to the Firm, A. S. Watson and Co.,
HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [58]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed to "The Editor," and those on business to "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but an evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 15TH, 1877.

The difficulty between China and Siam, to which allusion has been made in *The Times*, is not likely to have any serious results. The Government of Peking may fume and threaten, but it is practically powerless to enforce its demand for tribute from the Siamese Monarch. As the *London and China Express* points out, the neutral territory between Siam and the Central Kingdom could not be crossed by Chinese troops without the consent of the British and French Governments, which would not be likely to be given. No part of Siam proper touches Chinese territory, and without permission from the Powers above mentioned, Chinese troops would not venture to march through Burma or Tonquin. By sea Siam could certainly be reached, and damage could be done to her shipping by the Chinese gunboats, but the Siamese have a navy also they might make severe reprisals. In any case, however, we do not think it probable that a war between the two countries was ever likely. The Chinese Government has a great deal to do with its hands already. According to the latest reports the war with Kashgar is not proceeding in the most satisfactory manner. The Dungans are said to have re-captured Turfan, and to have thirty thousand men in the field, while to add to Chinese difficulties in that distant part they have estranged the Buzins. The Russian Governor of Turkestan has despatched a detachment of troops to the frontier to watch the Chinese, showing that they are not regarded by him with very friendly eyes. The atrocities committed by them at Manas have aroused his indignation and resentment, and the order issued by the Chinese general forbidding Russian merchants to trade in the district of Urumchi has probably not tended to allay those feelings. If we mistake not, the Chinese will find the "conquest of Kashgar" no easy matter, in spite of the dissensions prevailing in that State, particularly if, as we suspect, the Russians intend to bring it under the rule of the Czar.

In addition to this foolish and unfortunate struggle with Kashgar, the Government of Peking has more than it can grapple with in the relief of the famine-stricken districts in the North. The Chinese Ministers may be reckless and foolish enough to waste a great deal of money and the lives of many soldiers prosecuting a war which can bring no glory and very little profit, but they would scarcely be mad enough to enter into hostilities with a country like Siam, which has never been a tributary State and has only sent annual Embassies to interchange presents for the sake of maintaining amicable relations.

This new Order in Council in connection with British subjects in China which has recently been published in the *London Gazette* was passed with a view to provide against a repetition of an occurrence which is probably fresh in the recollection of our readers. Some soldiers belonging to the 22nd Regiment, soon after their arrival in this Colony, went across the frontier to Kowloon into Chinese territory and there committed some petty offences, for which they were brought before the Supreme Court, but had to be discharged for want of jurisdiction. No doubt they received punishment from the military authorities, but if they had been civilians they would have escaped scot-free. This was not satisfactory, and the necessity for the Supreme Court having enlarged powers became apparent. By the new Order in Council powers are now vested in the Supreme Court of Hongkong

by which it may have jurisdiction and "take cognisance of all crimes and offences committed by British subjects at any place on land being within ten miles of any part of the Colony of Hongkong, and of and over all disputes and differences between British subjects, being in any such place within such limit as aforesaid." This provision will place it out of the power of any ill-disposed persons to go to the adjacent mainland and commit petty depredations with impunity, and though such cases are of the rarest possible occurrence, it is well that the Chinese should understand that it is the wish and intention of the British Government to protect them against any unruly visitors, in the shape of soldiers or sailors who might think it fit to destroy damage, or profane their property.

The steamer *Misuru*, bound to Foochow, was spoken on the 12th inst. by the M.M. steamer *Ironbound* in the 11th, lat. 10 deg. 32 min. E. long. 111 deg. 47 min. (Paris), and requested to be reported all well.

The annual services of the London Mission Schools will be held to-morrow in Union Church, when sermons will be preached morning and evening by the Rev. J. C. Edge. Collections will be made at the close of each service.

It is proposed to give a bell in connection with the forthcoming regatta and a subscription list is now open; the amount of the subscription being \$5. The entries for the various events close to day, with the exception of a rowing race open for merchants with post entries.

We have been requested to state, that by kind permission of Captain Duncat (Commanding Officer) and the officers, the band of the 22nd Regiment will play in the Public Gardens this evening, from nine to eleven o'clock, in aid of the Diocesan Home and Orphanage. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the reduction of debt incurred for necessary repairs. The price of admission has been fixed at 10 cents, and no change will be given at the gates.

In the course of the proceedings at the Police Court yesterday morning, Mr. May said that he had much pleasure in announcing that the Fair and commodity of this Colony had been a great success. The total amount of the haulsome sum of \$3,500 from the "Parish Charity Fund," which was to be placed in the Magistrate Post-box. Mr. May directed Mr. Seth, first clerk to the magistrates, to write the Honorary Secretary of the Society, thanking them in the names of the magistrates.

An accident occurred on Thursday evening which might have resulted very seriously. About half past seven o'clock a pony and trap was being driven along the Praya East, near the Messengers Maritimes Company's coal godown, when the pony shied and jumped into the water taking with it the trap and its occupants. A Water Police boat in charge of Chinese Sergeant No. 460, helped to rescue the unfortunate and partially drowned. The occupant of the trap fortunately escaped with nothing worse than a ducking.

S-U-P-E-R-I-M-E-C-O-U-R-T.—
December 14th.

ORIGINAL JURISDICTION:
BEFORE MR. JUSTICE SNOWDEN AND A
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WAI AKWONG v. LEE SING AND ANOTHER. \$245.06.—This was a claim for the balance due on a lot of quicksilver, for which it was alleged the defendant was responsible as sureties of the port, who paid the price, and the plaintiff, represented by Messrs. Stephen and Holmes, instructed by Mr. Bradford, was the defendant. The jury were Messrs. W. Rogers, A. T. Mawson, W. C. E. von Postum, senior, E. E. Sasseon, F. L. Grobien, C. Kahn, and W. H. Lee. Lee Yit Chow was called for the plaintiff.

Lee Yit Chow said: I am at present a bankrupt, and became so in August last. I formerly traded under the name of the S.Y. firm. I speculated in quicksilver, which brought me to great wealth. I sold all my stock in the 11th August, and then took up residence in the United States. I had to be killed whilst at sea in the water. The occupant of the trap fortunately escaped with nothing worse than a ducking.

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